

**Import of Texhology for Basis Needs of Clothing**

2883. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to import technology to satisfy the basic needs of clothing for the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). The Textile Policy announced by Government in June, 1985 has stressed the need for modernisation of the textile industry. As envisaged in the policy, the Government have already set up a Standing Advisory Committee to assess on a continuous basis the need and type of modernisation required by textile industry. Action has also been initiated to set up a Modernisation Fund as envisaged in the policy. These steps together with the scheme for liberalised import of sophisticated textile machinery should meet the requirement of technological upgradation in the textile industry.

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**Loan Advanced by Pithoragarh Regional Rural Bank Under IRDP**

2884. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans advanced by Pithoragarh Regional Rural Bank under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during 1985-86;

(b) whether this amount is less than the target fixed for that year; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not achieving the target so fixed and the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c).

Pithoragarh Kshetriya Gramin Bank, had during 85-86 given loans amounting to Rs. 1,3 lakhs to 102 persons till December '85. The target for the whole year under IRDP is Rs. 5.58 lakhs to 306 beneficiaries. Short-fall in targets is mainly due to the fact that the bank which was established in March, 1985 could not get licences for opening required number of branches.

**Introduction of Computers in Banks and Financial Institutions**

2885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to introduce computers in big financial institutions and banks;

(b) if so, whether computers have also been installed in the main offices of the above-mentioned institutions in West Bengal in accordance with this policy; and

(c) if not, the names of the establishments where computers have not been installed alongwith the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Based on the recommendations of the Rangarajan Committee, Reserve Bank has advised the commercial banks to install electronic ledger posting machines at their branches, mini computers at their regional/zonal offices in a main-frame computers at their head offices in a phased manner. The programme does not exclude operations in West Bengal. The banks have initiated steps for implementation of the above programme and these are at various stages of implementation.

According to information available, EXIM Bank has installed a micro-computer at its representative office at Calcutta and State Bank of India a mini computers at its Calcutta Local Head Office, and industrial Reconstration Bank of India a Micro processor at its Head Office at Calcutta,